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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Family and Medical Leave Act of 1989, H.R. 770

1. On 13 March 1989, I telephoned the Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee to determine the status of the above-captioned bill. I was told the subcommittee would mark it up on 21 or 22 March, but was not taking substantive amendments. Dave Adams of the subcommittee, who has responsibility for the bill, did not want to meet to discuss any amendments the Agency may have, saying it would be a waste of time. He then said he expects the bill to sail through the full committee. I pointed out that last year the bill did not make it to the House floor; he said he thinks the climate is different this year.

2. Alan Lopatin on the full committee does not expect the committee to add any amendments. I explained to him our problem with having employees return to the same job and he suggested we explore the possibility of using report language to remedy the situation. The full committee will not vote until after Easter and he anticipates a floor vote in May or so. He will keep our concerns in mind, however. I told him I would think about the report language option. I then spoke with [] ALD/OGC and [] CAP/OP, to relay what Lopatin and Adams told me.

3. I attended the subcommittee markup scheduled for 22 March. There was no quorum and thus no markup. The staff director explained that it was unclear when it would be rescheduled, but said the public would receive ample notice. I also left with Lopatin a copy of the Agency's proposed amendments and report language, stating that I would be in touch with him later to discuss them.

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